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Health indicators of marginalised communities provide evidence of inequality

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A report on the state of social justice in the past one decade has pointed to the precipice we find ourselves on. The Ambedkar Reading Circle in collaboration with Bahutva Karnataka, a civil society organisation, released the report that takes a close look at various aspects such as allocation of funds to social welfare schemes, elimination of manual scavenging and representation in the workforce.

"Seventy-five years after the Constitution was adopted, our dream of creating an equal society is in danger. The top 1% of income taxpayers made 17% of all income in 2013-14. By 2021-22, the top 1% made 23% of all income. Further, the income growth of the ultra-rich was much faster than for the middle class. The top 1% of income

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> "The top 1% of income taxpayers saw their income grow at 13% year-on-year from 2013-14 to 2021-22 – a massive 60% faster than the income of the lowest 25% of taxpayers
>
> — From the report

SLAUGHTERHOUSE BLUES

BBMP's plans to set up abattoir with modern facilities and effluent treatment plant in Harohalli hits roadblock

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) plan to shift its slaughterhouses from Tannery Road to the outskirts of the city limits has reached a dead end.

An abattoir, with modern facilities and an effluent treatment plant (ETP) with the latest technology, that was being built on 25 acres of land in the Harohalli Industrial Area is now stalled due to pressure from locals and political parties, say BBMP officials.

This land parcel was allotted for constructing a slaughterhouse in 2009, but locals have been against the project despite BBMP's claim that the abattoir would be fully mechanised and on the lines of the abattoir in Hyderabad.

"We had accelerated the construction process as even the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) had sent a notice stating the slaughterhouses in territorial limits of the city be closed and moved to an alternative location. But work on the abattoir in Harohalli has been stopped now,"

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Storytelling and dance

Witness the mesmerising performance of "Chittapharana," a unique blend of two distinct performing art forms. Harikatha requires the performer to be a master of various art forms such as singing, dancing, acting, and humour. "Apaharana: Two Tales to Tell" is a solo dance musical production that tells a story of rebirth and connection between the goddesses Sita and Rukmini, traversing through two aeons (Tretayuga and Dvaparayuga). Chittapharana is a fusion of these two captivating art forms, showcasing the stunning beauty and power of storytelling and dance. **Where: JSS Auditorium, Jayanagar**
When: May 5, 6:30 pm

02 Groovy house beats

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When: May 4, 7 pm onwards

03 Unleash your artistic spirit

Step into a world where creativity knows no bounds at 'SatArtDay,' an event designed for artists and enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels with its two engaging workshops. Immerse yourself in the world of painting, where you can create your own masterpiece on canvas with 'Canvas Chronicles'. Experiment with different materials, from paper and fabric to recyclable items, with 'The Artisan's Playground.'
Where: Small World, ST Bed, Koramangala
When: Until May 18

Shopping carnival

The Bangalore Arts and Crafts Mela, organised by Grand Flea Market, was inaugurated at Chitrakala Parishath on Friday. The 10-day exhibit features a variety of items, including arts and crafts, clothing, furniture, home decor, paintings, and sarees

PIC: KAUSHIK JN

Women's groups raise voice against rising sexual violence

Allegations against Hassan MP prompts protest; women place demands

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Naaveddu Nilladidare, along with other women's organisations, held a protest at Freedom Park on Friday against sexual violence against women with impunity. The protest was held in the background of Prajwal Revanna, Hassan MP, who is accused of sexually assaulting hundreds of women. He is also seeking re-election from the constituency as the NDA candidate. The protest also stood against communal politics over women's bodies.

"The situation is now so pathetic that even to say that any structure exists for women to demand the basic right to safety would be only half true. I have personally not heard of any sitting MP who is a sex offender of this magnitude. The fact that, despite having ruined thousands of lives, he has the audacity to contest the upcoming elections shows how helpless these survivors are. It also shows how each and every state machinery has collectively failed to generate any hope within those women for them to even approach the police or the NCW (National Commission for Women). Lastly, the RSS publicly expects women to be submissive as per the dictums of Manu Samhita. From its political front BJP, nothing better is expected," said Aratrika, from the All India Students Association (AISA).

"Society should focus on abolishing rape culture. Men, regardless of what community they belong to or power they hold, must understand that no means no – Protester

A protestor said that on Friday, a report of a 28-year-old woman being stabbed to death by her husband over a domestic row in Koramangala during broad daylight came to light. However, this case is not gaining as much attention as the accused in the matter does not belong to a certain community. "Society needs to stop viewing crimes through a religious lens and focus on abolishing rape culture on the whole. Men, regardless of what community they belong to and power position they hold, must understand that no means no," she said, adding that strict action must be taken against those who politicise such issues.

Rape case filed

The latest development in the case has been Prajwal's father and MLA HD Revanna being accused of kidnapping a Mysuru woman who was allegedly sexually abused and videotaped by Prajwal. The case was filed based on a complaint by the 20-year-old son of the victim, who also alleged that his mother was abducted by Prajwal's father, JD(S) MLA HD Revanna, and his confidant Satish Babanna, police said, adding that they have filed two separate cases.

The victim is a mother of three children and was allegedly abducted from her home in Krishnaraja Nagar town in Mysuru district, police said.

Revanna has applied for anticipatory bail at the People's Representative's Court in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Protestors have called for the father-son duo to be brought to justice without any delay and have urged the state government to implement measures to ensure that the victims are safe and free of harassment. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said he has directed the police to identify, trace, and secure the victim.

Police have arrested Sathish Babanna and are interrogating him in connection with the case, a police source said.

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Roadblocks and dry spouts: 350 families face problems

Despite repeated appeals, BCMC Layout residents struggle with potholes and water shortages as authorities fail to act

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Around 350 families residing in the Bangalore City Municipal Corporation Layout (BCMCL) within the Yeshwanthpur Assembly constituency have been appealing to elected representatives, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities, and Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) engineers to address their grievances, but to no avail. Most of the roads are riddled with potholes, causing difficulties for the residents, especially those riding two-wheelers. The residents lament that neither the elected representatives nor the BBMP engineers have taken steps to repair the potholes or asphalt on the roads, particularly at the crossroads.

"The condition of roads is worse. I have already complained to the BBMP engineer about the potholes on the roads in the layout but he did nothing. It will be a great help for the residents if the BBMP authorities fill the potholes before the onset of the monsoon. The other problem is the shortage of drinking water. We get Cauvery water once a week while other layouts in the vicinity get Cauvery water twice a week," said Sharath Babu, a resident.

Emphasising the need for filling potholes as early as possible, Nagendra Swamy, another resident, said the BBMP authorities have taken measures to fill up potholes on seven to eight crossroads on a temporary basis. "Potholes on four to six crossroads and main roads are yet to be filled. We have been complaining to the BBMP engineer, but the condition of the roads remains the same," said Nagendra Swamy.

> **"The roads were asphalted four years ago. All the roads are filled with potholes due to sub standard material used for asphalting**
> – Archana Prasad, resident of BCMC Layout

Complaining against the use of sub-standard material for asphalt roads in the layout, Archana Prasad, a resident, said the quality of roads is far from satisfactory. Archana mentioned incidents of two-wheeler riders falling down while negotiating potholes on the roads in the layout. "The roads were asphalted four years ago. All the roads are filled with potholes due to sub-standard material used for asphalting. The other issue is water supply. We get water only on Sunday. We have to focus on storing water as we get water only once a week. No outing for residents of this layout on Sundays," she said.

Condition of the road near BBMP Park at BCMC Layout

Meanwhile, BWSSB assistant executive engineer Vinay has said the BCMC Layout is part of the 110 villages expected to get Cauvery water supply under Cauvery Stage V. "Supply of Cauvery water is expected to be improved when the Cauvery Stage V project is completed. The other layout where Cauvery water is being supplied twice a week is not part of the 110 villages," said the BWSSB assistant executive engineer.

BBMP assistant executive engineer Guruprasad has said potholes were filled up on some of the roads at the BCMC Layout. "We have already spent Rs 12 lakh for filling up potholes. We will take up filling of potholes on the remaining roads after the required funds are allocated," the BBMP assistant executive engineer said.

Ashwath Nagar: Residents suffer amid garbage collection crisis

With garbage piling up and health risks mounting, Anam Enclave residents urge Palike action

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The streets of Ashwath Nagar have transformed into scenes of neglect and chaos due to the absence of garbage collection services for a week. What was once a neatly kept enclave now displays the consequences of this oversight. Residents of Anam Enclave are increasingly frustrated as both wet and dry waste pile up with no solution in sight. In a desperate bid to rid themselves of the mounting refuse, residents find no solace but in littering their own surroundings. Piles of garbage accumulate, casting a foul odour that permeates the air and threatens the health and well-being of those who call Ashwath Nagar home.

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

"With each passing day, the situation worsens," added the residents. The absence of garbage collection services not only mars the aesthetic appeal of the neighbourhood but also poses significant health hazards. Flies swarm the putrid heaps, and the risk of diseases looms large over the community. "It's unbearable. We pay our taxes diligently, expecting basic services in return. But it seems like our pleas fall on deaf ears," a resident of Anam Enclave said.

Another resident said, "The bins are so full of garbage that now the residents are throwing the garbage on the streets. Despite complaining to the BBMP officials for many days, no assistance was provided. Only after seven days, the collection vehicle comes to the third main road and clears the garbage. However, the situation remained the same in other areas. This has been the situation for many months and keeps happening frequently. The residents are the sufferers." A resident added, "It's not just about the mess; it's about health too. With all this garbage lying around, there's a higher risk of diseases spreading. Flies and rats love to hang around trash, and nobody wants them near their homes."

The residents have been continuously complaining about this issue; however, the issue hasn't been resolved. "When the collection vehicle does not come, the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) should let us know so we to be prepared. This is not the way. While we are now told the collection vehicle driver has changed and this wouldn't persist, however, we are still not sure of this," a resident said.

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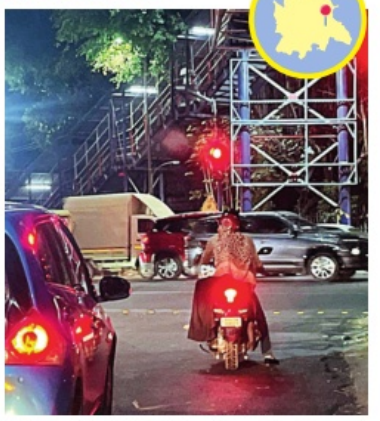
Kanakapura Road

The entrance of Delhi Public School on Kanakapura Road is marred by a garbage dump, causing inconvenience to students and residents.

Traffic chaos
Palace Road


At the Sophia School Traffic Signal, there's confusion regarding which light to obey – the one with the pedestrian crossing or the front one. This confusion is evident even among the High Grounds Traffic police stationed on the road.

Filthy road
LB Shastri Nagar

The condition of the road on 3rd Main, 4th Cross, LB Shastri Nagar, in the HAL area is deplorable and filled with garbage.

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When it rains, it just pours power outages in Bengaluru

Citizens highlight lack of help from Bescom helpline as complaints were left unattended

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Commuters navigate their way on rainwater-filled roads, on Friday

Amidst the much-awaited relief of showers gracing Bengaluru, the city's residents find themselves grappling with a different challenge: persistent power outages. While the rain brought a momentary respite from the scorching heat, many neighbourhoods continue to experience frequent power cuts, leaving citizens frustrated and struggling to cope.

Residents from various areas, including Vasanthnagar, ITI Layout, Jaynagar, HBR Layout, Davis Road, Bannerghatta, Koramangala, and BTM Layout, have voiced their grievances over the recurring power outages. The inability to use essential appliances like fans and air conditioners in the sweltering heat has exacerbated their discomfort.

Platform X witnessed an influx of posts from distressed residents, many of whom tagged the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) to draw attention to their plight. Despite numerous complaints lodged with the BESCOM helpline, residents lamented the lack of tangible solutions to the ongoing issue. One resident highlighted a particularly frustrating incident where, despite a brief spell of rain lasting around 15-20 minutes near HAL, the subsequent power outage endured for a staggering three hours. Such prolonged disruptions significantly inconvenience households by disrupting daily routines and exacerbating discomfort, especially during peak heat hours.

Rajkumar Dugar from Citizens for Citizens said, "On Friday, power was cut five times between 3:30 am and 2:30 pm. It is extremely frustrating to keep complaining and waiting endlessly." For many, the rain offered hope for relief, only to be overshadowed by the discomfort brought about by the unremitting power outages.

Heatwave conditions to prevail in several districts

According to the IMD, heatwave conditions are very likely to prevail over Belagavi, Bidar, Dharwad, Gadag, Kalaburgi, Haveri, Koppal, Raichur, Yadgir, Ballari, Bengaluru Urban, Chamarajanagar, Chikkaballapura, Chitradurga, Davangere, Tumakuru, Mandya, Hassan, and Mysuru districts on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, the conditions are very likely to prevail over Belagavi, Bidar, Dharwad, Gadag, Kalaburgi, Haveri, Koppal, Raichur, and Yadgir districts. The IMD also said that warm nights and hot and humid conditions are very likely to prevail over coastal Karnataka for the next four days. No large change in maximum temperature is very likely over the state for the next five days in Coastal Karnataka and North Interior Karnataka. According to the IMD, a temperature rise of 2-3 degrees Celsius is likely over South Interior Karnataka on Friday and Saturday. Furthermore, light to moderate rain or thundershowers are very likely to occur over some parts of Kodagu, Mysuru, Mandya, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Urban and Rural, Kolar, and Chikkaballapura districts. Dry weather is very likely to prevail over the remaining districts of the state. -ANI

Plan to open 1 abattoir in each zone

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said Ravi Kumar, joint director, Animal Husbandry Department, BBMP.

Officials say the civic agency is now looking at building one abattoir in each BBMP zone to meet the city's ever-expanding demand. Currently, the three slaughterhouses are located on Tannery Road, Pottery Road, and KR Market; none with modern facilities.

"It has been decided that the existing slaughterhouses at Tannery Road be demolished and new abattoirs with upgraded facilities be constructed in the same area as it is BBMP's property. However, just three slaughterhouses are not able to meet the demand of the ever-expanding city. Thus, we are planning to open one slaughterhouse in each BBMP zone. Work on this project will begin soon," informed Kumar.

All the abattoirs will be fitted with modern infrastructure, including ETPs and machines to cut animals, reducing the requirements of manpower.

Official says all effluent is treated as of now, no untreated waste is entering the drains

Notably, after receiving complaints of effluents from abattoirs at Tannery Road reaching Ulsoor Lake and causing water pollution, a joint committee set up by the principal bench of National Green Tribunal in 2022 had directed BBMP to modernise its slaughterhouse located at Tannery Road by March 31, 2024.

The abattoirs were to be modernised and the effluent treatment plant was to be set up to achieve zero liquid discharge.

"Effluent from all three abattoirs is being treated completely and no untreated waste is entering the drains. However, we have not been able to modernise them as the Harohalli project has hit a roadblock. Nonetheless, our plan to have one modern slaughterhouse in every zone under Brand Bengaluru will kick off soon," said an official from the Animal Husbandry Department of BBMP.

K-RIDE has 2-package solution for its no-bidder problem

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File photo of K-Ride commencing work near Nagawara last year

K-Ride has now planned for a new tender for BSRP station construction for Corridor 2, splitting it into two package for maximum bidding. The new plan is still yet to be finalised. In May 2023, K-Ride floated a tender for the construction of train stations along the 25.01 km long Corridor 2 between Baiyyappanahalli and Chikkabanavara. However, without seeing eligible bidders, it decided not to proceed with the tender.

According to the new plan, packages will be split between train stations between Benniganahalli to Mathikere and Yeshwantpur to Chikkabanavara. As per the new plan, eight stations will be allocated for package 1, with two elevated stations and six at-grade stations. Four stations will be allocated for package 2, along with two elevated and two at-grade stations.

Package 1 would include Benniganahalli, Kasturinagar, Sevanagar, Banaswadi, Nagawara, Kanakanagar, Hebbal and Mathikere and package 2 would include Yeshwantpur, Shettyhalli, Medarahalli, Chikkabanavara. With feedback from bidders, the new package design is also expected to include structural, design, architecture, electrical, and mechanical aspects as part of the tender.

The new packages are yet to be finalised by the expert and finance committees and will see movement after the model code of conduct is lifted. According to the sources, each package is estimated at upwards of Rs 500 crore.

The civil works for Corridor 2 were awarded to L&T on August 26, 2022, for 859.97 crore with a completion period of 27 months. According to sources, nearly 27 per cent of the work has been completed. As part of the plan, six level crossings are being eliminated by raising the formation to 5km.

According to the prioritisation of corridors, K-Ride has prioritised Corridor 2 and is slated to be open for operations by 2026. The K-Ride's suburban project was approved in 2020, and more than 15,767 crore has been sanctioned for the project, excluding the rolling stock costs. It needs 582 acres, with railway land of 327 acres, government land of 153 acres, and an additional private land of 101.68 acres that needs to be acquired.

HEALTH TIP: If somebody is suffering from a heat stroke, it is imperative to move the person to a cooler place till help arrives

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MAY I PERSUADE YOU?

Everybody values self-respect – and that's the missing ingredient when you try to change someone's mind

Why is persuasion so hard, even when you have facts on your side?

As a philosopher, I'm especially interested in persuasion – not just how to convince someone, but how to do it ethically, without manipulation. I've found that one of the deepest insights comes from the German philosopher Immanuel Kant, a focus of my research, who was born 300 years ago: April 22, 1724.

In his final book on ethics, "The Doctrine of Virtue," Kant writes that each of us has a certain duty when we try to correct others' beliefs. If we think they're mistaken, we shouldn't dismiss them as "absurdities" or "poor judgment," he says, but must suppose that their views "contain some truth."

What Kant is describing might sound like humility – just recognizing that other people often know things we don't. But it goes beyond that.

This moral duty to find truth in others' mistakes is based on helping the other person "preserve his respect for his own understanding," Kant claims. In other words, even when we encounter obviously false points of view, morality calls on us to help the person we're talking to maintain their self-respect – to find something reasonable in their views.

This advice can come across as patronizing, as though we were supposed to treat other adults like children with fragile egos. But I think Kant is onto something important here, and contemporary psychology can help us see it.

The need for respect

Imagine that you had to postpone lunch because of a meeting. With only 15 minutes to spare and a growling stomach, you leave to get a burrito.

On your way, however, you run into a colleague. "I'm glad to see you," they say. "I'm hoping to change your mind about something from the meeting."

In that scenario, your colleague has little chance of persuading you. Why? Well, you need food, and they're getting in the way of you satisfying that need.

As psychologists of persuasion have long recognized, a key factor in persuasion is attention, and people don't attend to persuasive arguments when they have more pressing needs – especially hunger, sleep and safety. But less obvious needs can also make people unpersuadable.

One that has received a lot of attention in recent decades is the need for social belonging.

The psychologist Dan Kahan gives the example of somebody who, like everyone in their community, incorrectly denies the existence of climate change. If that person publicly corrected their beliefs, they might be ostracized from friends and family. In that case, Kahan suggests, it can be "perfectly rational" for them to simply ignore the scientific evidence about an issue that they can't directly affect, in order to satisfy their social need for connection.

This means that a respectful persuader needs to take into account others' need for social dignity, such as by avoiding public settings when discussing topics that might be sensitive or taboo.

... and self-respect

Yet external needs, like hunger or social acceptance, aren't the only ones that get in the way of persuasion. In a classic 1988 article on self-affirmation, the psychologist Claude Steele argued that our desire to maintain some "self-regard" as a good, competent person profoundly shapes psychology.

In more philosophical terms: People have a need for self-respect. This can explain why, for instance, students sometimes blame low grades on bad luck and difficult material, but explain high grades in terms of their own ability and effort.

Steele's approach has yielded some surprising results. For example, one study invited female students to write down values that were important to them – an exercise in self-affirmation. Afterward, many students who had done this exercise earned higher grades in a physics course, particularly girls who had previously performed worse than male students.

That study and many others illustrate how bolstering someone's self-esteem can equip them to tackle intellectual challenges, including challenges to their personal beliefs.

With that in mind, let's turn back to Kant.

Politics are personal

Recall Kant's claim: When we encounter somebody with false beliefs, even absurdly false ones, we must help them preserve their respect for their own understanding by acknowledging some element of truth in their judgments. That truth could be a fact we'd overlooked, or an important experience they'd had.

Kant isn't just talking about being humble or polite. He directs attention to a real need that people have – a need that persuaders have to recognize if they want to get a fair hearing.

For example, say that you want to change your cousin's mind about whom to support in the 2024 election. You come equipped with well-crafted evidence and carefully choose a good moment for a one-on-one talk.

Despite all that, your chances will be slim if you ignore your cousin's need for self-respect. In a country as polarized as the U.S. is today, an argument about whom to vote for can feel like a direct attack on someone's competence and moral decency.

So providing somebody with evidence that they should change their views can run headfirst into their need for self-respect – our human need to see ourselves as intelligent and good.

Moral maturity

Persuasion, in other words, takes a lot of juggling: In addition to making strong persuasive arguments, a persuader also has to avoid threatening the other person's need for self-respect.

Actual juggling would be a lot easier if we could slow down the objects. That's why juggling on the Moon would be about twice as easy as on Earth, thanks to the Moon's lower gravity.

When it comes to persuasion, though, we can slow things down by pacing the conversation, opening up time to learn something from the other person in return. This signals that you take them seriously – and that can bolster their self-esteem.

To be ethical, this openness to learning must be sincere. But that's not hard: On most topics, each of us have limited experience. For example, perhaps Donald Trump or Joe Biden validated some of your cousin's frustrations about their local government, in ways you couldn't have guessed.

This approach has an important benefit to you as well: helping you preserve your own self-respect. After all, approaching others with humility shows moral maturity. Recognizing others' need for self-respect can not only help you persuade someone, but persuade in ways you can feel proud of.

Colin Marshall, University of Washington, The Conversation

All you need to know about...

5 low-carb fruits

Avocado
Avocado tops the list as the quintessential keto fruit. Unlike most fruits, the avocado is rich in healthy fats and very low in carbohydrates. A whole avocado contains about 15 grams of heart-healthy fats and just 2 grams of net carbs. Its high content of monounsaturated fats helps to increase good cholesterol and decrease bad cholesterol, making it not only keto-friendly but also excellent for your heart health.

Blackberries
Berries are a popular group on the keto diet, and blackberries stand out as a top choice. With just 5 grams of net carbs per 100 grams, blackberries can easily fit into a low-carb eating plan. They are also high in fibre and antioxidants, which makes them great for digestive health and fighting inflammation.

Raspberries
Like blackberries, raspberries are low in carbs and high in fibre. A 100-gram serving of raspberries offers 5.4 grams of net carbs and 6.5 grams of dietary fibre, which helps in maintaining bowel health, reducing cholesterol, and regulating blood sugar levels.

Strawberries
Strawberries are another berry that's perfect for the keto diet. They provide sweetness without the carb overload – only 6 grams of net carbs in a 100-gram serving. Additionally, strawberries are rich in vitamins and antioxidants, supporting overall health and wellness.

Blueberries
Although they are slightly higher in carbs compared to other berries, blueberries are still a viable option for the keto diet when consumed in moderation. A 100-gram serving of blueberries contains about 12 grams of net carbs, packed with vitamins, antioxidants, and inflammation-fighting properties.

—Rahul Kamra, founder of Ketorets, for Femina

Infra upgrade for Nelamangala-Doddaballapur road

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Nelamangala once a distant place from Bengaluru is now quite closer thanks to infrastructure like a six-lane highway, railway line and a proposed Metro Network. The Nelamangala-Doddaballapur sector, once a quiet stretch of highway, is witnessing a remarkable infrastructure upgrade that is not only connecting major parts of the city but also sparking a surge in real estate growth, offering properties to suit every budget.

At the heart of this upgrade is the development of highways linking Nelamangala to Kempegowda International Airport and Nelamangala to Doddaballapur. These highways, part of the connecting satellite ring road project, are not just concrete arteries but lifelines of progress. Realtors and property developers are witnessing a significant rise in demand along this corridor. "The infrastructure development along Nelamangala-Doddaballapur Road has been a game-changer for the real estate sector. The improved connectivity has attracted investors and homebuyers alike, leading to a surge in property values. The allure of this region extends beyond its connectivity. With serene landscapes, proximity to industrial hubs, and upcoming commercial developments, Nelamangala-Doddaballapur Road has become a hotspot for residential and commercial properties. We are seeing a diverse range of buyers, from young professionals seeking affordable apartments to families looking for properties," said T Shivu, a real estate agent.

One of the driving factors behind this real estate boom is the accessibility to essential amenities. "The upgraded infrastructure has brought schools, hospitals, shopping centers, and recreational facilities closer to residents. This holistic development is attracting people from various walks of life to invest in properties along this corridor. Buyers are also drawn to the affordability and value appreciation potential in this area. I was able to find a spacious apartment within my budget, and I'm confident about its future appreciation", said Harish Menon, a first-time homebuyer.

The real estate market along this corridor is not just catering to luxury segments but also focusing on affordable housing initiatives. "We are committed to providing quality housing options for every budget. The demand for budget-friendly homes has been remarkable, and we are dedicated to meeting this growing need. The growth in real estate is also fostering ancillary industries, creating employment opportunities and boosting the local economy. As more people move into this area, there is a surge in demand for services such as hospitality, retail, and healthcare. This ripple effect is positively impacting businesses and job prospects," said Devendrappa, a local business owner.

The future of Nelamangala-Doddaballapur Road looks promising. "We are working on expanding road networks, enhancing public transport, and creating green spaces," shares Anil Kumar, an official from the government. "Our aim is to create a sustainable environment that caters to the evolving needs of residents and businesses," Shivu added.

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101+ land deals in FY-24 across cities

The residential segment continues to drive the Indian real estate market, which also reflects in the land deals it is generating. Amid all-time high residential demand, several large and listed developers and other entities continued to snap up land. Other than residential, commercial, retail, industrial and logistics and warehousing are also driving prime land deals in key locations across India. ANAROCK data indicates that various developers and entities sealed approx. 101 separate land deals in fiscal year 2023-24, cumulatively accounting for nearly 2,989 acres across the country. In contrast, FY-2022-23 saw 88 land deals for approx. 1,886 acres closed across various cities.

Bengaluru with 14 deals for 490+ acres and Mysuru with many deals are noteworthy

Contrastingly, in the financial year 2022-23, there were a total of 88 land deals covering approximately 1,886 acres. However, in FY-24, more than 83 land deals encompassing 1,135+ acres were finalized in the top 7 cities alone, with the remaining 18 deals spanning over 1,853+ acres in tier 2 and 3 cities such as Ahmedabad, Ayodhya, Jaipur, Nagpur, Mysuru, Ludhiana, and Surat. Notably, among the top cities, NCR recorded the highest number of land deals, with 29 deals accounting for 313+ acres, followed by MMR with 19 deals covering approximately 157+ acres.

The report said that out of the total land deals in FY-24, around 80 separate deals for about 2,252 acres have been proposed for residential, plotted development, and township projects. There are also at least 4 land deals totaling over 42 acres planned for commercial and retail projects. Additionally, approximately 79 acres in 4 separate deals are designated for mixed-use development, while about 164 acres in 5 deals are allocated for industrial, IT, and logistics parks.

Bengaluru and Mysuru are particularly noteworthy in this context. Bengaluru saw 14 deals for 490+ acres transacted, which is the highest among all top 7 cities in terms of total land area. Mysuru, on the other hand, is part of the tier 2 and 3 cities where significant land deals have been closed, indicating their growing importance as growth engines due to improving infrastructure.

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Bhattarahalli residents demand immediate action from BBMP

Pashmina Waterfront locals alarmed by persistent issues; urge authorities to address garbage build-up and lack of infrastructure

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"We are all affected by the unsanitary conditions and lack of basic amenities. Despite our complaints, no tangible solutions have been provided

– Jessy, resident of Bhattarahalli

Residents of Pashmina Waterfront, Bhattarahalli, are distressed over the ongoing sanitation and infrastructure issues plaguing their neighbourhood. The recent road excavation undertaken by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has left the area bereft of pavements, prompting passersby to resort to urinating in public spaces and littering indiscriminately. The accumulation of garbage in the drainage system has become a breeding ground for pests like rats and snakes, posing severe health hazards to the residents.

Residents allege that the dire situation has been ongoing for more than a year, despite repeated complaints made to the authorities. The promises made by the BBMP team and other responsible parties to clear the area and install pavements have yet to be fulfilled, even after nearly six months of follow-ups. One of the prominent concerns highlighted by the residents is the lack of adequate street lighting, making it challenging to navigate the area safely, especially during the night.

Preeti, a resident, expressed her frustration, stating, "The absence of streetlights makes it difficult for us to walk around safely."

Another resident, Jessy, stressed the collective impact of these issues on the community, remarking, "We are all affected by the unsanitary conditions and lack of basic amenities. Despite our complaints, no tangible solutions have been provided."

Evoma, echoing the sentiments of the residents, urged the BBMP to take immediate action to address the situation. The requests include thorough cleaning of the area, discouraging garbage dumping, installing pavements along the drainage system, and prominently displaying a 'no garbage' sign to deter littering.

"We are hopeful that their concerns will be heard and remedial measures will be swiftly implemented to restore cleanliness and safety to their neighbourhood. They seek collaborative efforts from the authorities and the community to achieve a healthier and more liveable environment for everyone in Pashmina Waterfront," a resident added.

Garbage accumulation outside the apartment

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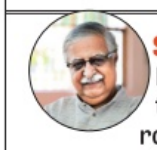

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Dr Vijaykumar H K, BM Reader
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Anil Kumar B, BM Reader
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CID investigations on track, pick up pace

Monitoring cell within dept has helped speed up investigations and legal process

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Despite the demands to hand over several cases to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), there have been accusations about the slow pace of investigations within the department. However, now with a focus on expediting legal proceedings and ensuring justice, a dedicated monitoring cell within the CID has shown promising results in resolving cases speedily.

This initiative has already led to four convictions this year, marking a step forward in addressing pending cases and achieving higher conviction rates. Officials said that the monitoring cell was established due to the slow progress of many cases in the CID, and it appears to be yielding positive outcomes. Already this year, there have been four convictions in four cases.

Between 2014 and 2023, the CID filed 268 cases that went into court proceedings. In 2022, there were convictions in two cases, resulting in a conviction rate of just 12.10% for CID cases. The cell was established to ensure these cases reach a resolution.

Jewellery recovered

The police have successfully retrieved gold and diamond jewellery valued at Rs 34 lakh that is said to have been stolen by a house help. City Police Commissioner B Dayananda said that the theft occurred within the JP Nagar police station's jurisdiction at the apartment of and elderly couple whose children live abroad. The help, employed for eight years, had been surreptitiously pilfering ornaments from the household without the owners' knowledge. However, the activities were brought to an end on March 27 during a function at the victims' residence. It was discovered on April 4 that four gold chains, along with other jewellery and Rs 50,000 in cash, were missing from the almirah where they had been kept. Suspecting the help's involvement due to the absence of new visitors during that period, the couple lodged a complaint with the JP Nagar police on April 18.

At the time, police personnel were deployed for duty related to the elections. Following the conclusion of the elections on April 26, the investigation commenced, and on April 29, the help was interrogated. She admitted to selling two chains to her husband's friend and stashing the remaining jewellery at her ancestral home in Chamarajanagar. Subsequently, the police recovered two gold chains, four bangles, three necklaces, six pairs of earrings, two pairs of diamond earrings, a diamond ring, three gold rings, and other items during their visits to the mentioned locations. The total worth of the recovered items is estimated at Rs 35 lakh, said police sources.

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City Police Commissioner at a press conference on Friday

> **Each Superintendent of Police is tasked with overseeing three cases to streamline the process. In 2023, of 905 pending cases, 445 were investigated**
>
> –MA Saleem, DIG CID

An inspector was specifically assigned to oversee these cases exclusively. The officials in this cell are responsible for ensuring the presence of witnesses, coordinating with the legal team, and addressing other related issues. With four convictions already secured this year, officials are optimistic about achieving more convictions. For instance, one case involved a man who sent inappropriate videos to his ex-wife. He was convicted and sentenced to one month in jail along with a fine of Rs 45,000. This case originated in 2017 with the Subramanya Nagar police and was later transferred to the CID.

DIG CID, MA Saleem, expressed satisfaction with the cell's progress, noting that it has expedited the legal process. Efforts have been made to accelerate the investigation process where too it was accused of being slow. Each Superintendent of Police (SP) has been tasked with overseeing three cases to streamline the process. In 2023, out of 905 pending cases, 445 were investigated, and chargesheets were submitted to the court. Notable cases include the assault of a woman paraded nude and the filming of a girl in her hostel bathroom in Udupi.

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Dr. Aravind S Kapali
Consultant - Surgical Oncology,
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One robot arm has a high-resolution 3-D camera, the others hold tiny surgical instruments. This allows the surgeon to see what is going on more clearly, to direct the tools more precisely, and to potentially save more healthy tissue. Robotic surgery is particularly helpful for complex surgeries in small spaces. A robot-assisted surgery benefits the surgeon with improved visualization, leading to a more precise surgery. The benefits of robotic surgery for the patient include:

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Far from eradicating manual scavenging

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taxpayers saw their income grow at 13% year-on-year from 2013-14 to 2021-22 – a massive 60% faster than the income of the lowest 25% of taxpayers. This inequality is built on the foundations of the caste system," the report noted while providing ample evidence.

It further said that a sweeping glance through health indicators of marginalised communities also clearly reveals the grim reality of a deeply entrenched caste system. The report noted that inequality is also stark when we look at representation in positions of power in our society.

A study from 2019 showed that dominant castes constituted 94% of corporate leadership boards in India. A report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, tabled in 2023 stated that only 3%

SC, 1.5% ST judges were appointed in High Courts since 2018.

An Oxfam study from 2019 showed that out of 121 newsrooms there was not a single newsroom headed by someone from a Scheduled caste or Scheduled Tribe. People belonging to the general category own 61.8% of all the micro, small and medium enterprises in India, according to data from the office of the MSME development commissioner, as of March 31 2022. Businesspersons belonging to the general category own 49.56 lakh of the 80.16 lakh units in the country. Entrepreneurs from the Scheduled Caste category own 6.8% of enterprises, while those in the Scheduled Tribe category own just 2.1%.

The report noted that government's own data shows a 48% rise in cases registered under the SC/ST Prevention of atrocities act under the BJP's rule. In 2022 alone, there were 67,646 cases, amounting to 188 cases per day. There has been a 49.87% increase in the incidents of rape against Dalit women from 2015 to 2019.

Shame of manual scavenging

On manual scavenging, the report noted that close to the August 2023 deadline for declaring India manual scavenging free, nearly a third of the country's 766 districts have yet to eradicate manual scavenging practices. About 246 districts in the country have neither declared themselves manual scavenging free nor uploaded details of existing insanitary latrines and manual scavengers on the Centre's mobile app, according to data of the social justice and empowerment ministry, the nodal ministry for monitoring manual scavenging. Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Ramdas Athawale, addressed the Lok Sabha, acknowledging that between 2018 and November 2023, 443 individuals lost their lives while performing sewer and septic tank cleaning duties. However, conflicting figures from organisations like Safai Karamchari Andolan report 1,760 deaths during this period.

The Union government passed the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, which prohibits contract labour in core areas of work. "However, this core activity excludes sanitation, house-keeping, gardening and canteen work. These occupations are typically caste-ordained occupations and people from marginalised castes undertake these work. These workers have been made to work permanently under the exploitative contract system. With lesser pay, poorer conditions of work, and lack of job security," the report said.

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Heard it through the grapevine

Reports suggest Naga Chaitanya and Sobhita may have found a happy place with each other

Recent pictures of Naga Chaitanya and Sobhita Dhulipala holidaying together have set social media abuzz with rumours of their relationship.

Although the couple has not confirmed their status publicly, their vacation snapshots hint at a blossoming romance.

Both Chaitanya and Sobhita shared individual pictures from their holiday a few days ago on Instagram. However, eagle-eyed fans noticed similarities in their backgrounds, fueling speculation that they are enjoying their getaway together.

And now if the latest report is to be believed, Chaitanya and Sobhita have been dating for some time but prefer to keep their relationship private.

"Naga and Sobhita have found a happy place with each other, and are dating. They like to spend time with each other. They keep going on vacations together. However, they want to keep their private lives out of the public glare," a source was quoted as saying by Hindustan Times.

The source further mentioned that Chaitanya and Sobhita are aware of their pictures creating buzz online but they don't want to address it and divert the attention from their professional work to their personal space. Despite the growing buzz around their relationship, they are determined to maintain a low profile. Naga Chaitanya was previously married to Samantha Ruth Prabhu, whom he met on the sets of Ye Maaya Chesave in 2009.

—ETimes

Emotional & suspenseful

KANGAROO
3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Kishore Megalamane
- **ACTORS** Aditya, Rajani Raghavan, Kari Subbu, Nagendra Urs, Shivamani, Ashwin Hassan
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 130 minutes

Director Kishore Magalamane has attempted to deal with a complicated but oft-repeated subject of foeticide. The director deserves praise for making Aditya not only follow the story but also to play a sober character. The specialty of Kangaroo is that it glorifies women who protect their children like how a kangaroo protects and nurtures its baby. The director, in the beginning, aptly announces that this movie is dedicated to women. The movie also throws light on how some men in rural areas insist on having a male child.

The movie begins with a couple Vijayakumar (Nagendra Urs) and Prema (Spandana Prasad) staying at Antony Cottage on a rainy night in Chikkamagalur. Gopalaiah (Kari Subbu) works as the manager of Antony Cottage, owned by a brother of a local corporator. Prema finds Vijayakumar has ended his life by hanging. Five years on, the scene shifts to Bengaluru where the police department transfers Police Inspector Prithvi (Aditya) to Chikkamagalur to end chain-snatching incidents. Prithvi's wife Dr Meghana (Rajani Raghavan), is a psychiatrist. Prithvi comes to know about people who stay at Antony Cottage ending their lives by suicide. At this point, the director introduces a scene to show that Vijayakumar is Prithvi's elder brother. Why did Vijayakumar and Prema visit Chikkamagalur and stay at Antony Cottage? What made other couples from different cities to visit the place is what Kangaroo is all about.

As far as the performance of the actors is concerned, Aditya is at his best. His performance, as a sober cop and a concerned husband, deserves appreciation. The movie has no action scenes that glorify the hero. Rajani Raghavan has acted well. Ashwin Hassan, Shivamani, and Kari Subbu provide good support. Music director Sadhu Kokila has done an excellent job by providing gripping background music.

Some of the scenes including those at a guest house and a police constable killing a person on the police station premises are far from convincing.

The movie is worth a watch for families.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Tribute to Guru

In a tribute to Bengaluru-born legendary actor-director Guru Dutt, the city will host a two-day film festival and a musical evening featuring his hit songs this weekend.

The event is being organised by Rotary Needy Heart Foundation (RNHF), said Rotarian Rajendra Rai, former district governor of District 3190 (now split into 3191 and 3192 districts).

"The proceeds from ticket sales will go towards RNHF's efforts in providing life-saving heart surgeries for underprivileged children across the country," Rai added. According to Rai, the foundation came about at the insistence of Rotarian O P Khanna, who underwent heart surgery and realised that the underprivileged could not afford one. The foundation was established in 2001 to facilitate heart surgeries for below poverty line (BPL) families.

"Guru Dutt would have turned 100 this year. Also, many from his core team, like cinematographer VK Murthy, were from Bengaluru. So, we thought it was the right time to organise a tribute festival for him here," Rotarian Sanjay Koppikar, a techpreneur, said about the Bollywood icon. According to Rai, the film festival will celebrate the life and work of the legendary actor, director and producer. "A selection of his iconic films like 'Pyaasa,' 'Kaagaz Ke Phool,' 'Mr and Mrs 55' and 'Aar Paar' will be screened on May 4 at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Bengaluru and on May 5 at the auditorium of Suchitra Cinema and Cultural Academy in Banashankari here," added Rai.

—PTI

Homely person

Actress and fitness enthusiast Saiyami Kher doesn't believe in "crash diets" but rather enjoys home-cooked meals and can stick to the same thing for months.

"I don't believe in these crash diets. I believe in keeping a balanced diet. I like to eat home food. With the profession I am in, it is tough to do that because I am travelling and never at home," Saiyami said. "But as far as I can, I try to eat home food, and it will mostly be dal, sabzi, chicken, and roti during the day, and in the night, it will be salad, soups, and grilled chicken. I have been doing this for a long time."

The actress shared why her near and dear ones make fun of her. "Everyone makes fun of me because I am a boring eater. I can eat the same thing for four months," she said.

—IANS

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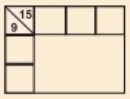
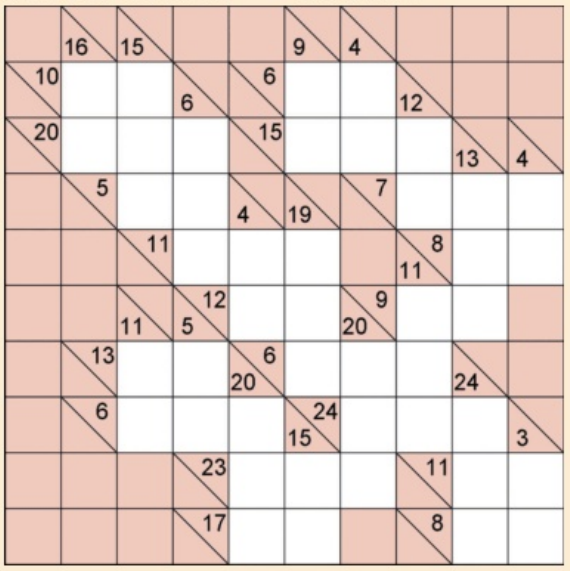
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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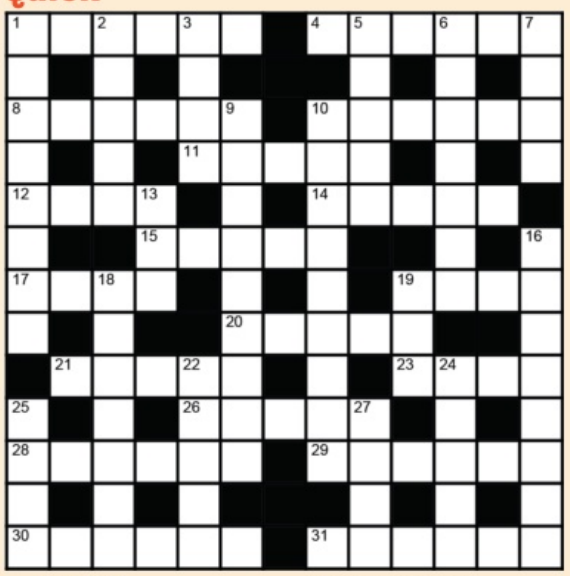


ACROSS

1 Harden, turn into bone (6)
4 Afraid or apprehensive (6)
8 Bicycle for two (6)
10 Idiosyncrasy (6)
11 Boxer ___ Fury (5)
12 Individually (4)
14 Supply new weapons (5)
15 Wear away, as weather does (5)
17 Monetary unit of Thailand (4)
19 The villain in Othello (4)
20 Advantages (5)
21 Hold closely (5)
23 Kinds, types or sorts (4)
26 Consumed (5)
28 Go ashore (6)
29 Comment (6)
30 Caught or ensnared (6)
31 Without result or success (2,4)

DOWN

1 In decline (2,3,3)
2 Alternative rockers ___ Youth (5)
3 Two of them give you standing (4)
5 Duplicate or reproduce (5)
6 Girl's name – "bear rot" anagram? (7)
7 Action (4)
9 Popular dessert in Karnataka and the rest of the country as well (6,3)
10 Person from another country (9)
13 ___ up : excited or overwrought? (3)
16 Forlorn or abandoned (8)
18 Fish – "bali hut" anagram (7)
19 Pakistan's intelligence agency (3)
22 To carry out duties obediently (5)
24 South American animal (5)
25 Biblical garden (4)
27 Berlin negative (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS G

QCAE CG EDY ZNAPM ETKEDA CG UPGY ACKWJ NZAKTJ NE GPTAE DYNTPWX.

Linemaro

If you were a tear in my eye I would not cry for fear of losing you

Mindchow

Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value

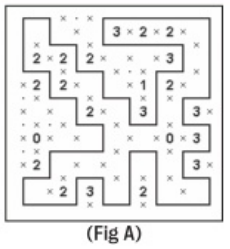
Joke of the day

Going to war over religion, is basically just killing people in an argument over who has the better imaginary friend

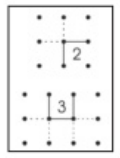
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

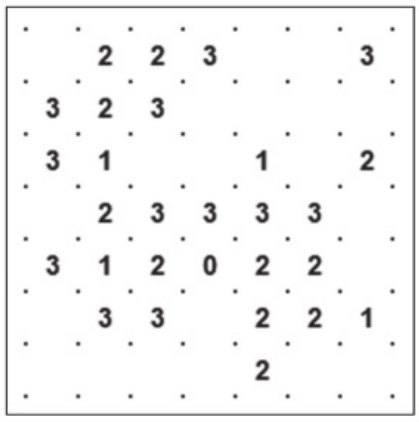


(Fig B) Not Allowed

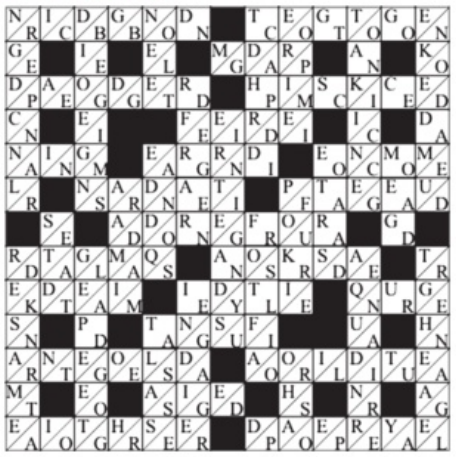
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



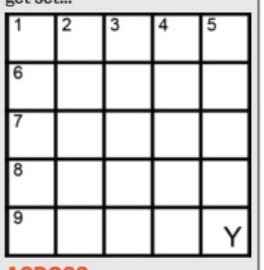
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

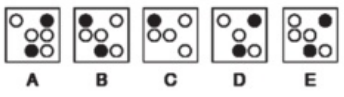
1 Crest; 6 True l;
7 Res by; 8 Smite;
9 Gas by

DOWN

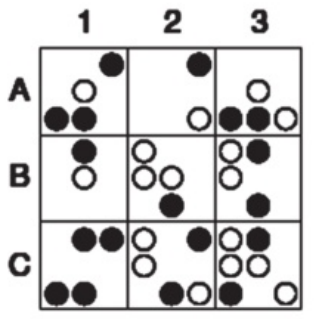
1 Be cub; 2 Matey;
3 Gl err; 4 Set RT;
5 Sy sis

Mensapuzzle

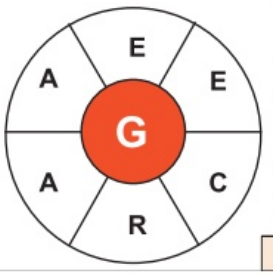
Looking at lines across and down, if the first two tiles are combined to produce the third tile, with the exception that like lines or symbols are cancelled out, which of the above tiles is incorrect, and with which tile should it be replaced?



A B C D E



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

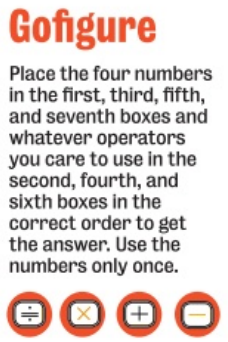
SudokuChallenge

	5	3		4				
		1					3	8
					6		9	
		2	7	3				
3	4		8		9		2	5
				5	1	4		
	6		4					
7	2					8		
				7		2	6	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 10
2 4 5 9

Medium = 15
2 3 3 4

Hard = 24
5 6 8 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

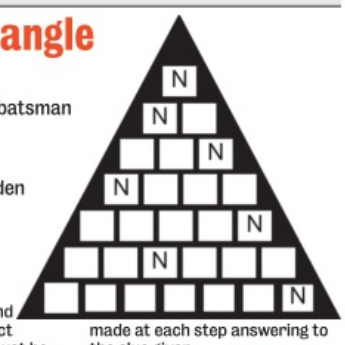
Differences: 1. Earmuff is smaller. 2. Mouth is different. 3. Doorknob is larger. 4. Bag is smaller. 5. Scarf is different. 6. Stripe is added to pant leg.

Riddler

You have a rubber balloon with a string attached to it, and a weight attached to the other end of the string. You put just the right amount of air in the balloon such that if you submerge the balloon and weight under water to a depth of 30 feet, the balloon will not rise or sink (its buoyancy force is exactly balanced by gravity). You then pull the balloon and weight down another 30 feet. If you let the balloon go at this depth, will it rise or sink? Assume that the water temperature is the same at both depths.

Alpha triangle

1 One of the poles
2 Nah
3 Century for the batsman
4 Brief letter
5 Fare well (3,2)
6 Taste organ
7 Strengthen; harden



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

YOU'VE REALLY CAPTURED WHAT THE LIFE OF A BAND DIRECTOR IS LIKE, HARRY!
I MEAN, PERFORMING AT HALFTIMES, FUNDRAISING FOR UNIFORMS, TRAVELING TO PARADES AND CONTESTS... IT'S REALLY MIND-BOGGLING!
I KNOW... IT'S REALLY NOT SOMETHING ANYONE CAN DO BY THEMSELVES...
BUT I DID!
DRUMS ALONG THE SIDELINES
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may find happiness at work and could make important decisions by day's end, paving the way for future success. Consider planning a short trip. Expect cooperation from your subordinates and good news regarding a sibling's success. You may also find yourself in a favourable legal position. Students will be focused on achieving their goals.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Your communication skills will benefit you professionally today. Being polite with others can expedite your projects. Lovebirds will have meaningful exchanges, strengthening their relationship's foundation.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Blessings from the moon will lead to benefits from new partnerships. Your high energy levels and hard work will result in financial gains. Maintain self-respect to ward off negative influences.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You may reconnect with old friends or attend social gatherings today, bringing excitement. New business innovations and unexpected material gains are likely. Good news from children regarding their studies is possible.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Under the moon's blessing, small investments may yield significant profits. Your efficiency at work will increase, leading to success with less effort. Expect positive news in legal matters and the ability to control rivals.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Moon's blessing brings success from small efforts and past investments. Rewards for hard work in professional and personal life are on the horizon. Increased prestige and resolution of disputes with spouses are highlighted.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You'll feel better today, with situations under control. Your network will aid you at work, and overseas travel may be planned. Enhance domestic harmony through creativity and leisure activities with loved ones.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Overworking may lead to fatigue, making you lazy and careless. Patience is key, and adventure plans may need postponing. Students should focus on their studies, and health issues like backache and skin problems may arise.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Creativity will be high, prompting home renovations or office upgrades. Harmony in relationships and resolution of disputes is likely. Good news may come regarding litigations.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
A balanced financial situation will bring gladness. Utilise your network to execute plans, and expect help from siblings and subordinates. Visits to elders or religious places are favourable.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Dullness from sleeplessness may affect your efficiency, but elders' blessings will guide you. Take care of parents' health and plan for improvement after reflecting on mistakes.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
A slow start may give way to productivity with elders' blessings. Pay attention to children's health and be cautious with investment decisions. Stomach issues may trouble you.

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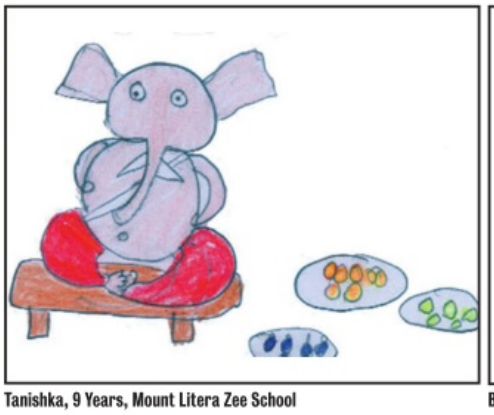

Tanishka, 9 Years, Mount Litera Zee School

Bhagat K M, 10 Years, Akshara Montessori Home

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER The balloon will sink. At a depth of 60 feet, the water pressure is greater than it is at 30 feet (1y about 15 psi). Because of this, the balloon will shrink, causing the balloon/weight system to increase in density (the total volume is smaller while the total mass stays the same). Since the system is now more dense than it was at 30 feet, it will sink. Also important is the fact that since water is pretty much incompressible, the water density at both depths will be about the same.

BULL'S EYE
ACREAGE, agar, agree, cage, crag, eager, gear, grace, rage

FAST FIVE

C	E	R	T	S
U	T	E	R	I
B	Y	R	E	S
E	M	I	T	S
B	A	G	S	Y

STRIKE OUT

R	I	B	B	O	N	C	O	T	T	O	N			
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QUICK

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SOLVE IN 1M
$((16)^{1/2})^{3/2} = 16^{3/4} = 64$

QUOTE UNCODE Most of the basic truths of life sound absurd at first hearing.

MENSA PUZZLE Tile 2C is incorrect and should be replaced by tile E.

SUDOKU

6	5	3	9	4	8	7	1	2
4	9	1	5	2	7	6	3	8
2	7	8	3	1	6	5	9	4
5	1	2	7	3	4	9	8	6
3	4	7	8	6	9	1	2	5
9	8	6	2	5	1	4	7	3
1	6	9	4	8	2	3	5	7
7	2	5	6	9	3	8	4	1
8	3	4	1	7	5	2	6	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, No, Ton, Note, Get on, Tongue, Toughen.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 4 − 5 + 2 = 10
Medium
4 − 2 + 3 x 3 = 15
Hard
8 + 5 + 5 + 6 = 24

LOOP

KAKURO

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